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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING RESIDUES FROM THE MICROSTRUCTURE OF AN OBJECT

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 5 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.  
☐ An Assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449  
☒ A Notice of Priority to claim priority date of February 9, 2001.  
☐ Applicant requests non-publication.  
☐ Applicant is a small entity.  
☒ An Unexecuted Declaration

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